

## Message Text

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INFO OCT-01 NEA-11 ISO-00 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 /022 W  
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R 240800Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8063  
INFO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PINR LE KU  
SUBJ: BIO INFO ON LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 2940

1. FOLLOWING IS BRIEF BIO INFORMATION ON SAMIH AL-BABA,  
LEBANESE AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT.

2. BORN 1923 IN TRIPOLI, LEBANON. FATHER: MUHAMMAD  
FUAD AL-BABA. MOTHER: MUNAWIR KHALIL HIND ALUSI. LAW  
DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH. FLUENT FRENCH.  
MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. CAREER DIPLOMAT. PREVIOUS  
POSTS:

ATTACHE, LEBANESE EMBASSY, PARIS

FINANCIAL SECTION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, BEIRUT

COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, PARIS

AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA, JUNE 1966 - MARCH 1967.

3. NOTE: "WHO'S WHO IN LEBANON" INDICATES BABA FIRST WENT  
TO KUWAIT AS AMBASSADOR IN APRIL 1967, NOT FEBRUARY 1972.

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4. BELIEVED TO BE CLOSE TO FORMER PRIME MINISTER  
RASHID KARAMI. NOT ACTIVE POLITICALLY. REPUTATION OF  
BEING SOCIABLE, PLEASANT. NOT KNOWN PERSONALLY BY  
PRESENT MEMBERS OF EMBASSY BEIRUT.

DECONTROL MAY 24, 1979.

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## Message Attributes

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